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Sir:

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Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	6,802,779 B2 (Corresponds to JP-A-2002-147485)	10/12/04	TABUCHI et al.		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

TRANSLATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO	
										Eng. Abstract
		JP-A-2002-276777	9/25/02	JAPAN						X

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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

		Notice of Reason for Rejection from Japanese Patent Office issued on November 14, 2006 for the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 2002-310817 (a copy and English translation thereof)
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